ABSTRACT

A printing system that includes a personal computer and a printer is described. The printer includes a local control panel and operates both as a server and a printer. The printer serves a program to the personal computer

5   upon request. The program enables the personal computer to print a document using the printer. The program also enables the personal computer to display a virtual printer control panel while the printer is printing the document. The user of the personal computer can access various features of the printer by interacting with the virtual printer control panel.